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CRIMINAL ASSIZES.

CHARGE OF FORGERY.

The March Criminal Sessions were resumed this morning before Sir William Rees Davies, K.C., Chief Justice.

Tsang Titcho was charged with forgery.

Accused pleaded not guilty. The Attorney General, the Hon. H. E. Pollock, K.C., instructed by the Crown Solicitor, Mr. G. H. Wakeham, appeared for the prosecution and Mr. G. E. Alabaster, O.B.E., instructed by Mr. E. L. Agassiz, defended the accused.

The Jurymen were—Messrs. Charles Henry Kim C. B. Brown, Wong Sik Kai, A. R. Kimros, A. de Costa, V. H. Ivanovitch, K. Laing.

When the Chief Justice came in he expressed his regret at having kept the jury waiting but said it had been a question as whether the case would go on to-day.

Mr. Pollock said there were two charges, the first being that the prisoner was charged with tendering a forged note for \$100 of the Chartered Bank of India and the second that he had the note in his possession and knew it to be a forgery.

The prisoner went to the Wing Chan pawnshop at 234 Queen's Road West on Jan. 26 and the witness, who is an accountant, the prisoner, was at the counter.

The prisoner brought with him a pawn ticket. He tried to redeem the articles on the ticket and was told by the accountant that the amount was \$55.10.

The prisoner tendered a note which purported to be one for \$100 of the Chartered Bank of India but which was a forgery. The accountant said it was only a five dollar note altered into one for \$100.

As soon as the prisoner heard this he ran away. The accountant then called to someone in the shop and they both gave chase. The prisoner ran along Queen's Road West and into First Street. From here he went into Second Street and vanished in a house. Police whistles were blown and the police arrived and, going into the house in Second Street, they found the prisoner.

After the prisoner was taken to the Police Station he said "The note was lent to me by my friend I did not know it was a false one."

The fact that he ran away was inconsistent with innocence. The jury would have the evidence of Mr. Austin of the Chartered Bank of India who would tell them that the forgery was very cleverly done.

Cha Wing, the accountant in the Wing Chan pawnshop, gave evidence on the lines already indicated. As soon as the accountant told the prisoner, "This is a forged note," he started to run away.

At this stage the note was examined by the Chief Justice and by the jury. His Lordship said: "It is a very good forgery."

Mr. Austin, cashier of the Chartered Bank, was shown a couple of notes and testified that one of them (the one handed in at the pawnshop) was a forgery.

His Lordship—Do you consider it a good forgery or a bad one?

Mr. Austin—An ignorant Chinese would accept it.

His Lordship then asked if an ignorant Englishman would have done so and suggested to Mr. Austin that he was an expert but what did he think an ordinary man would have done with such a note?

Mr. Alabaster, having had the pawnshop accountant recalled, and elicited that he too was skilled and careful in handling money, pointed out that at the time the note was handed in it was the 25th day of the last moon of the Chinese year. The Fair was on at this time and it was obvious that if the prisoner had wished to pass a forged note it would have been more easily done at the Fair than at the pawnshop.

The fact that the prisoner took part in the chase of the prisoner was away in the country (getting married), so the Attorney General, no objections being made, read out his deposition.

Chinese Constable 218 who arrested the prisoner was next called. He stated he found the prisoner on the second floor of a house in Second Street. The people were trying to push him out.

The case for the prosecution ended with the calling of the Sergeant Interpreter at the Station at which prisoner was charged.

Mr. Alabaster was making his opening speech for the defence when our reporter left. He was taking the line that it was possible the accused didn't know the note was forged, and that to prove his guilt they must prove that he knew.

Mr. Course, the traffic manager of the Hongkong tramways, accompanied by his wife, was a passenger on the s.s. *Tango Maru* this morning. Mr. and Mrs. Course are visiting Australia on leave.

NOT MANY HERE.

The D.A.A. & Q.M.G. forwards the *China Mail* a copy of Army Order 275 of 1918. The order gives notice that persons who left South Africa and other places abroad before 30th September, 1918, and enlisted or applied for a commission within two months of their arrival in the United Kingdom, may claim a refund of locomotive expenses (passage money, etc.).

Claims should be submitted on Army Form 01771 and if by an officer or soldier should be made through military channels. In the case of those who have left the Army application should be made direct to the Officer of Records.

Individuals who had qualifications for a commission in R.A.M.C., A.V.C., Royal Engineers, and went from abroad and received such commission may apply for a refund of expenses irrespective of the date of leaving abroad.

The Military Authorities particularly wish to bring to the notice of all concerned, that no applications submitted after September 1, 1919, will be considered.

A PICTURE OF INNOCENCE

How such a small little boy of 11, who had come from America after being at school for three years. He was being taken to an old man, a friend of his father's, to the country for a few months' holiday. The father took his luggage and the *Empress of Asia* to have a "look see" at it, in case, and only just in case, he should have anything in it that he should not have.

This small boy was so intelligent and assured everybody with tears running down his face that he did not know what was wrong, and he had nothing except a few toys and small clothes. When his box was opened, the police began to look and found three small tin little pairs of breeches, and sewn up so tightly in the back, where they could possibly be no pockets, just about 100 rounds of ammunition.

After the boy had been taken to the Police Station to look for him in his bag, some more ammunition was found. The boy must have opened his box. Anyhow he was to have the opportunity of explaining about it to the Magistrate in the morning. So was Tan Chang, the old man who is with him.

To-day the boy was fined \$25, and the old man \$300.

THE SHANGHAI RICSHA.

Some time ago there was a strong agitation started in favour of the Shanghai ricksha replacing the one at present in use in Hongkong. The police, always willing to do everything in its power to oblige people, have imported a brand new ricksha from Shanghai, and asked a *China Mail* man to-day what he thought of it. The *China Mail* man had a good look at it, examined it thoroughly, and not content with that insisted upon being given a free ride in it, with the result that his verdict was distinctly in favour of the Hongkong ricksha. The Shanghai one is decidedly flimsy and by no means lighter than the one in use in the city to-day. Perhaps the only advantage that could be found, were the pneumatic wheels but these are bound to give trouble in the hot weather. What of punctures? A careful note had been made by the Police on the life of rubber tyres, and it was found to be about three months. One thing that struck our man was that the Hongkong ricksha was decidedly smarter and after a very careful and minute examination he pronounced it as infinitely more efficient than the Shanghai one.

A BRITISH PRESERVE.

An amusing story is going the rounds in connexion with the surrender of the German Fleet in the Firth of Forth. A German sailor was busy expectorating on the deck of the ship, and a British tar watched him menacingly. The enemy, seeing that he was noticed, sheepishly returned the glance, and spat over the side, swearing softly to himself the while. At once the tar made for him. "Ere," said he, "you can swear as much as you like, Fritz; you can spit as much as you like on your blinking deck. But don't you spit in our sea!"

The *Daily Mail* states that drafts of R.G.A. are being prepared at home for all Colonial Stations. As this statement was made nearly two months ago it should not be long before Hongkong, Singapore and Ceylon receive their drafts.

PINKIE AND THE FAIRIES.

The fourth performance of *Pinkie and the Fairies* was played to a bumper house last night at the Theatre Royal. The whole production was a distinct success. There was a new *Pinkie*, Miss Georgia Mosser, and this little lady perfectly did her part. Master Oliver Middleton Smith (Tommy) and Miss Rosebud Young (Elf Pickle), were two others constantly in the limelight and this trio (*Pinkie*, Tommy and Elf Pickle) performed their parts in a most accomplished manner. Other specially striking items last night were a song and dance by Miss Elfrida Osmund (Cinderella), and the song by Mrs. Moliers Johnstone (Pearl) "Land of Hope and Glory." The scenery is of extreme beauty and very effective. Mrs. G.H.M. Bannerman, had to respond to persistent applause. Her splendid dancing was altogether above the art as usually displayed in amateur productions. The music was under the capable direction of Mrs. Cockrane. It is impossible to mention by name the scores of performers who all did so well. It must suffice to say that everybody helped with a will to make the show a good one and they were successful in the highest degree.

To the unseen, Mr. W. Sinclair, producer, Mr. C. Bewly Bird, Asst. Stage Manager, and others, is due the highest praise, for without their untiring work and expert assistance the company could not have attained that degree of excellence which it undoubtedly has.

There are matinee performances to-day and to-morrow at 4.30, and a 9.15 performance on Saturday night.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

Two matches were played yesterday, the results being:—
CLUB MIXED HANDICAP DOUBLES.
C. Thorpe and Mrs. Dreaper (rec. 3/6) beat J. S. Jennings and Mrs. Manning, 6-4, 6-4.

CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES, CLASS "A."
N. E. Kent (owes 15) beat A. A. Claxton (rec. 2/6, 6-4, 6-3, 6-1).

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES.
T. Mishima v. G. Manley: F. A. Redmond v. Tan Toon Lay.

CLUB HANDICAP DOUBLES.
Major Hammond and Capt. Gray (rec. 3/6) v. A. A. Claxton and A. H. Crook (rec. 2/6).

Open Championship Doubles.—A. B. Raworth and A. Morse v. Capt. Murray and J. S. Jennings.

THE SUMMARY COURT.

There were only two cases in the Summary Court before Mr. Justice Melbourne this morning.

The first case, Lau Kak Chan v. Hui Shiu Yuen, was for a claim of \$850 paid to Messrs. Logan and Co. on the defendant's behalf and \$100 commission. Mr. Gardiner appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. Davidson for the defendant who, however, did not turn up, and after proving the case Mr. Gardiner was given judgment for his client for the full amount claimed and costs.

The second case that of Lam Yum trading as Shun Fat Firm v. Chu Yuen. Mr. Davidson appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. D'Almeida for the defendant. Mr. Davidson's client like the other one, did not turn up, consequently Mr. D'Almeida was given judgment for his client with costs.

STEAMER FOR AUSTRALIA.

The N.Y.K.s.s. *Tango Maru* cleared this port this morning at 11 o'clock for Australia and the Philippines. She had her full complement of passengers on board. Capt. Judge, Sub. Lieut. Curry, Mr. and Mrs. Coles, and Mr. and Mrs. Williams, and child were the only local passengers.

FROM A BANGKOK SIGNBOARD.

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Hongkong, March 22, 1919.

on

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at No. 4 Peak Road.

A Quantity of Valuable

Household Furniture,

comprising:

Silk tapestry covered drawing room

suite, teak chiffonier, teak hatstand

colours, engravings, etchings, ap-

paratus, tapestry curtains, pile carpets and

rugs, electric fittings, etc.

Teak extension dining table and

maroon covered chairs, teak sideboard

and dinner wagon with bevelled mir-

rors, teak ice chest, brass fenders,

dinner and dessert services, electro-

plate and glass ware, cutlery, etc.

Solid double brass bedstead, teak

single and double wardrobes with

bevelled mirrors, teak bureau with

bevelled mirrors, marble top washstands,

tapestry and maroon covered rockers,

toilet crockery, etc., etc.

Also

A few pieces of Canton Black-

wood,

comprising:

Tables, chairs, settees, flower stands,

music and curio cabinet, stools and

overmantel, etc.

And

One Cottage Piano by John

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Auctioneer.

Hongkong, March 21, 1919.

on

WEDNESDAY, April 2, 1919,

commencing at 2.30 p.m.

at No. 2 Minden Villa, Kowloon.

A Quantity of

Valuable Household Furniture,

comprising:

Mahogany drawing room suite,

mahogany couch, easy chairs, desk &

bookcase, cherrywood table, blackwood

teapots, console mirror, marble clock,

curtains, carpet, etc., etc.

Teak extension dining table & chairs,

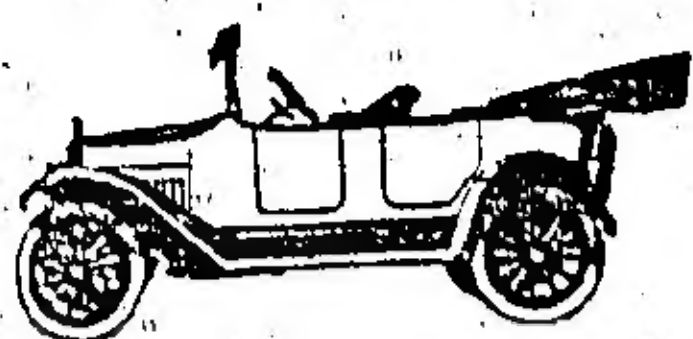
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MONDAY, March 31, 1919,

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Rugs, Lace, Tapestry and easement

curtains, etc., etc.

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druggists and chemists.Talking about three-penny-bits and
coins that are too large and come
that are too small, a certain father
promised his little boy that he should
have every five-shilling piece that he,
father, got, and promised his little
girl that she should have every three-
penny-bit that he got. The little
boy was very much pleased, and the
little girl was rather hurt. After
the first week or two the emotions
were the other way about. The
little boy was still grieved in
poverty and the little girl was rolling
in wealth. There must be a moral
in this, if one could only find it.

UNREST IN THE NAVY.

With regard to the instances of
unrest in the navy which have been
disclosed recently, the Press Associa-
tion learns on high authority that
the cases of overt acts of indiscipline
have been rare and isolated. Doubt-
less the recent increases of pay have
had a good effect.A curious fact about the men's
representations and petitions is that
they have almost invariably asked
not only for improved conditions for
themselves, but also for their offi-
cers, thus affording clear evidence of
the excellent feeling which has al-
ways marked the relationship of
officers and men in the navy.

KING'S SWEEP.

Mr. Jenkins, the King's sweep, has
been telling an interviewer that it is
quite possible for a master-sweep in
a small way of business to make £7
a week (writes a correspondent).
And anyone who inquires into the
curious ways of the trade will agree
that he earns it. Of course, small
sweeps, known to the people of an
earlier generation as "climbing
boys," no longer explore the sooty
hollows of a chimney when sweeping
is toward. That was done away with
more than thirty years ago, and
sweeps' apprentices of to-day must
be over sixteen, and even then must
be registered. But, in point of fact,
the boys of to-day are not at all eager
to be sweeps, and an apprentice is
a rarity. The man who engages him-
self to a master-sweep has to be out
and about at four o'clock in the
morning. His first business is to
learn something of the general way of
building chimneys and then some-
thing of how roofs are planned. It
is only the small master-sweeps who
will use the jointed rods and brush,
known collectively as a "machine."
The operators on a bigger scale use
the rope and ball. The man on the
roof lowers the ball, which drags
through the chimney the ropes to
which the circular brush is attached.
Gas fires do not do away entirely
with the need for a periodical visit
from the sweep. Only when the
electric era sets in will his plaintive
voice cease to be heard in our land.A Los Angeles youngster on his
initial visit to church was extremely
interested when his father started to
take up the collection. Unable to
stand the strain he dilly-dallied his
mother and attached himself as con-
veyance to papa, following him down the
aisle with his eyes growing larger and
rounder as the money flowed in.
This method of obtaining wealth was
new to him, but he thought he knew
his destination and as the ushers
reached the rear of the church, and
turned for the solemn march to the
pulpit, his voice rang over the room,
"Give it to me, dad, I can take it
to mamma!"

FRANCE AND HUGO.

France is recalling an utterance
made by Victor Hugo in 1890, but
shows little desire to act up to it.Then France will suddenly
arouse herself. She will become
formidable. She will regain Alsace
and Lorraine. Is it enough? No!
No! She will capture Metz, Trier,
Trevies, Mainz, Cologne, Coblenz,
and you shall hear France cry:
"The clock strikes my hour! Ger-
many hear me! Am I thine enemy?
No, I am thy sister! I have taken
all from thee, I return all to thee
upon one condition: that we shall
no longer be a divided people; that
we shall be one united family, one
republic. I will demolish my for-
tresses, thou thine—my vendetta is
brotherhood. No more frontier.
The Rhine, mine and thine. . . .
We shall be the liberty of Europe.
And now let us chop, hands, for we
have rendered each other a reciproc-
ated service. Thou hast freed me
from my emperor; I will free thee
from thine."

WELL STOPPED.

We are indebted for the following
story to a barrister who was once a
soldier.An eminent K.C., briefed in a
great case, was appointed judge on
the eve of trial. Thereupon his clerk
returned the brief with some regret,
but not the cheque for several hun-
dred guineas which had accompanied the
papers. The instructing solicitor,
stepped across to the K.C.'s
chambers to offer his congratulations
and incidentally to draw attention to
this little oversight. "Yes," said
the K.C., "I quite appreciate your
point, but I am really sorry I can-
not return the cheque. I would
really be very glad to do so, but it
would be against all precedent."
Said the solicitor: "I quite appre-
ciate your difficulty, and thought
there might be something of that
kind, so on my way to your chambers
I called at my banker's and stopped
the cheque."

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No. 8 Police Financé
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Auctioneers to the Government.
Hongkong, March 18, 1919.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from The O.C., R.A.S.C. to sell by Public Auction,

on
THURSDAY,
March 27, 1919, at 2.30 p.m., at
The Army Service Corps Boat Shed,
Army Service Corps Pier,
A NUMBER OF LOTS
Rice, Atta, Gram,
Ghee, Tobacco,
Powder, Lime Juice
Concentrated Soap
AND
Mutton Essence.

On view day of sale.

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HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers to the Government.
Hongkong, March 25, 1919.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,
(For Account of the Concerned),
on
FRIDAY,
March 28, 1919, commencing at 2.30 p.m.
at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des
Voeux Road, Corner of
Lee House Street.

**A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF
Chinese Porcelains and Ceramics,**
comprising—

A variety of 5-coloured and 3-coloured
Vases and Plates, Blue and white
Vases and Figures, etc., old Bronzes,
including Incense Burners of the Sung
and Ming Dynasties, Pekinese Cloisonné,
Amber, Jadeite, Crystal and Agate
Vases and Ornaments, Beads, etc.,
Carved Bamboo Ware and a number of
Snuff Bottles.

Also
Old Lacquered Screens, Embroideries,
etc., etc.

The greater portion of the above
stock has recently arrived from the
North and includes pieces from the
Sung, Ming, Kanghi, Yungching,
Kienlung and Tzongchow Periods.
Catalogues will be issued.

On view day of sale.

Terms—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, March 14, 1919.

(For Account of the Concerned),
on
SATURDAY,
March 29, 1919, at 11 a.m.,
at No. 1, Hart Avenue, Kowloon.

THE SUNDAY
Valuable Household Furniture,
etc., etc., etc.

therein contained.

Including **POT PLANTS and
ELECTRIC FITTINGS.**

(Particulars from Catalogue).
On view day of sale.

Terms—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, March 18, 1919.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,
(For Account of the Concerned),
on
SATURDAY,
March 29, 1919, at 2.30 p.m., at
No. 18, Chatham Road, Kowloon.

SUNDAY
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
therein contained.

Consisting of—
Hall Stand, Two Dinner Waggon,
Bookcase, Roll-top Desk, 4-Fold Em-
broided Screen, Two Large Wardrobes,
a large quantity Rattan Furniture,
Shanghai Bath, Stove, Cooking Utensils,
Also
PIANO by Chappel, London, and
Gentle Bicycle.

On view day of sale.

Catalogues will be issued.

Terms—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, March 25, 1919.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from H. W. Locken, Esq.,
to sell by Public Auction,
on
MONDAY,
March 31, 1919, at 11 a.m.,
at his residence No. 116 Plantation
Road, the Peak.

**A very choice collection of
Pot Plants,**
including Australian and Canadian
Roses, Fuchsias, Begonias, Azaleas,
Carnations, Dahlias, Cyclamens, Ger-
aniums, Violets, Fregias, Maidenhair,
Asparagus, Plumbago and Asparagus
Springer, Arum and Amaryllis Lilies,
and many Annuals, also Dahlia Roots,
Cactus Peony—Single and Collarette.

Also
1 Donkey and one fowl house and a
number of Leghorn and Brahma fowls.
(Particulars from Catalogue).
On view from Saturday the 29th
inst.

Terms—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, March 24, 1919.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from F. B. L. Bowler,
Esq., to sell by Public Auction,
on
TUESDAY,
April 1, 1919, at 2.30 p.m.,
at his residence No. 7 Mountain View,
The Peak.

THE
valuable Household Furniture,
CURIOS, &c., &c.
therein contained.

Comprising—
Teakwood hallstand, Upholstered
arm-chairs, sofa and pouffe, Blackwood
desk, tables, arm-chairs and stands,
large Axminster carpet (good as new),
engravings, and paintings, brass fender,
fire brasses, China, silver and brass
ornaments, Singer sewing machine
(good as new), gramophone, Carpets &
rugs, Cretone and lace curtains,
etc., etc., etc.

Extension dining table and chairs,
glass cabinet, sideboard, oak desk,
etc., etc., a quantity of good cut glass-
ware, crockery ware, etc., white
enamelled twin bedsteads (hair mattresses),
teak and iron bedsteads and cots,
stair carpet and rods.

Fumed teakwood wardrobes, wash-
stand, toilet tables and double toilet set,
Liberty handwoven carpet, bathroom,
partry and kitchen utensils, garden
tomb, toys, bamboo blinds (good as
new), travelling bath, electric fittings,
fan and table lamps, etc.

(Particulars from Catalogue).
On view Monday morning and day
of sale.

Terms—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
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Hongkong, March 24, 1919.

FOR SALE.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell
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Entry forms containing full
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Hongkong, March 19, 1919.

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HUGHES & HOUGH,
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Hongkong, March 25, 1919.

NOTICES.

**CHINA SUGAR REFINING
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NOTICE

THE FORTY-FIRST ORDINARY
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
SHAREHOLDERS of the above Com-
pany will be held at the Offices of the
General Agents, Fadder's Street, on
THURSDAY, the 27th instant, at
11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving
the Report and Statement of Accounts
for the year ending 31st December,
1918.

The Transfer Books of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 13th to 27th
March, both days inclusive.

**JARDINE, MATHESON &
CO., LTD.,**
General Agents.

Hongkong, March 4, 1919.

**HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTIETH ORDINARY
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS
will be held at the Offices of the un-
dersigned at Noon, on SATURDAY,
the 29th instant.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company will be CLOSED from the
15th to the 29th instant, both days
inclusive.

At this Meeting a Resolution will be
proposed that, owing to the Consulting
Committee being now made up to the
maximum number of eight, the remun-
eration to the Committee be increased
from \$7,000 to \$8,000.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.
General Managers.
**HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.**
Hongkong, March 12, 1919.

**THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN
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THE TWENTYSECOND ORDIN-
ARY ANNUAL MEETING OF
SHAREHOLDERS in the Company
will be held at the Offices of the
Company, St. George's Building, No. 6
Connaught Road on TUESDAY, April
1, 1919, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of
receiving a Statement of Accounts and
the Report of the General Managers for
the year ending December 31, 1918,
and electing a Consulting Committee
and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company will be CLOSED from WED-
NESDAY March 26, until TUESDAY
April 1, 1919, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO.
General Managers.
Hongkong, March 21, 1919.

**THE HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA
DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the ORDINARY YEARLY
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS
will be held in the Office of the Com-
pany, 2 Queen's Buildings, Hongkong,
on MONDAY, 31st March, 1919, at noon,
for consideration of the Directors'
Report and Statement of Accounts for
the year ending 31st December, 1918.
The SHARE REGISTER and
TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED
from the 22nd to the 31st inst., both
days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, March 15, 1917.

**HONGKONG SCHOOLS' ATHLETIC
SPORTS.**

THE ANNUAL ATHLETIC
SPORTS for the Combined Hong-
kong Schools will be held on FRIDAY,
March 28th, at the RACECOURSE.
There will be the usual races for Past
Pupils, namely, Two Miles Bicycle Race,
(Handicap), and Seven Furlong Flat
Race (Handicap). The entrance fee
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"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE."

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 1919.

BRITISH PRUSSIANS.

Assuming that the facts in the case of Sir Francis Fletcher Vane are as *Truth* reports them, we may safely say it is one more confirmation of a belief steadily gaining ground that there is in existence a sort of British Prussian, a British Junker, a Homeland Hun. In this case his habitat is the War Office, unless he has lately been taken out to be tarred and feathered.

Briefly, the facts are thus recited. On the outbreak of war, Sir Francis Vane, then resident in Italy, and 52 years of age, telegraphed to the War Office offering his services. He is an old Army officer. His offer was accepted. He travelled home at his own expense, and was employed in England until the Sinn Fein rebellion. Then he was sent to Dublin. The last official report on his conduct there is a highly complimentary mention by the General under whom he served. Shocked by the Skerrin murder, and seeing that the Irish Command was determined to hush it up, Sir Francis Vane went to London and told the Prime Minister all about it. The result was that Lord Kitchener ordered the court-martial which convicted Captain Bowen-Coulthurst of wilful murder. Both Mr. Asquith and Lord Kitchener thanked Sir Francis for doing what he did, and for which (as *Truth* says) he deserves the gratitude of every honest man. But now come in the British Prussians. It "outraged the feelings of military Brahminism." How dare a mere Major come to London and tell tales about Staff folk? They got rid of him. When he had a chance to make himself useful in the American Army, these War Office Huns refused him permission. Then, as he was unemployed, and couldn't go to America, he naturally decided to go home. But they refused him permission even to do that! "Was there ever a more outrageous abuse of military power than this?" asks *Truth*. We hope there was never such a case at all to compare with it, and surely it cannot happen again? Either *Truth* ought to be permanently suspended, or these

yahoos at the War Office ought to be weeded out and publicly disgraced. Vindictive swine! It is almost a compliment to call them Prussians, because after all a Prussian is bred so, but they are presumably Englishmen and sinning against the light. The last stage of the disgraceful history shows them still in power, and still abusing it. On July 5, Sir Francis wrote for special permission to escort his sick wife home to Italy. On Sept. 15 (over two months to consider it!) these unspeakable cads replied: "That your letter of the 5th July has been duly considered and that the objections previously raised to the issue of passports to you to accompany Lady Vane to Italy will now be withdrawn, provided that the Italian authorities will grant the necessary visa, and that you give an undertaking that you will remain quietly at your residence in Italy without associating yourself with any political movements."

To this Sir Francis Vane replied on September 14 that he was prepared to accept these terms, the more so as his motive for returning to Italy was the state of his wife's health; but that to prevent misunderstanding, while he had never taken part in any political movement in Italy, he had taken part in certain public work, such as the Boy Scout movement and the prevention of cruelty to animals, and proposed, when circumstances permitted, to offer his services to the Italian Red Cross, nor could he give any undertaking to refrain from such work in future; and so on. After another interval of nearly three months (December 5) came the answer that his reply had been referred to the War Office, with this result:

"The Army Council are unable to regard the undertaking given therein as entirely satisfactory, as it is in their opinion undesirable that you should undertake work under the Italian Red Cross, or associate yourself with the Boy Scout movement or any other similar public organisation."

Should you feel unable to satisfy the conditions asked for, the Army Council will raise no objection to your being allowed to accompany your wife to Italy, returning to this country at the earliest possible moment.

"There is one 'political movement' which we will never promise to avoid. It is the movement to rid the Government and its offices of men of that type. It is impossible to describe them adequately without offending the rules of decency. Yet it is quite probable that in society they pose as gentlemen."

To think there are Englishmen capable of behaving so to another Englishman is horrid enough. To think we tolerate a system in which such atrocious behaviour is possible makes the blood boil.

THE NEW "CHINA REVIEW."

An event of note for those interested in things Chinese is the appearance of *The New China Review*, edited by Mr. Samuel Couling, the compiler of the *Encyclopaedia Sinica*. Though the fruits of much spadework in sinology are in the old *Review*, as well as within the covers of books, there is need of some such receptacle for the work of contemporary students. Giles and Parker are going to write for it, so that the pace will be set right for the others. There are to be six numbers this year, for which nine dollars are charged. We fancy it would have been better to announce it as a quarterly. With missionary stuff and politics barred and not too much material available, the quarterly scheme would have made things easier for the editor and probably better for the reader. However, we shall see.

Professor Giles gives the venture his blessing with a few opening remarks. Then follows an account of the work of M. Edward Chavannes, the French sinologist who translated so much Chinese literature, and died just a year ago. There is a good full page portrait of M. Chavannes. Major W. Percival Yetts contributes a first instalment of Taoist legends, with valuable notes. Mr. E. T. C. Werner, formerly Consul at Fochow, has a curious note on the custom of flattening the heads of infants, common among primitive peoples, and once known in China. Mr. H. B. Morse writes of the short-lived republic in Formosa, proclaimed on May 24, 1895, and squelched by the Japanese by October of the same year. Mr. Morse was there all the time, in charge of the Customs at Tamsui, and had some exciting days and nights, of which he brightly tells. Sir E. D. Ross writes of a school of languages which a Ming Emperor started in 1407 so that he could have interpreters capable of talking with foreign ambassadors. He discovers that tea, first brought to Europe towards the end of the 16th century, appears to have been in demand in Arabia long before that. Henri Dore (S. J.) has the beginning of an article on "Le Grand Pelerinage Bouddhique de Lang-chau," etc. The first three chapters consist of very scholarly notes on the history and topography of the Five Mountains of Tong-tcheou. W. A. Cornaby has some notes on Chinese drama and ancient choral dances. It seems the Chinese had an even greater scorn for stage players than we, their legally with rogues and vagabonds. One old Chinese writer's forehead blushed red as hibiscus when he thought of actors. Herbert Chatley, D. Sc., professes to discuss Chinese psychology. He makes an opening remark which should serve as a useful warning to the editor and the contributors. "The how immense mass of literature on Chinese subjects has little appeal to the ordinary Western man of intelligence," he says, "because it rarely arrives at a conclusion, but is on the whole a record of a pursuit of knowledge merely for knowledge's sake. It is a first instalment, only, and is none too promising, especially as in one place he seems to take Freud's nonsense seriously. Christopher Irving reviews Foucher's 'Beginnings of Buddhist Art,' at great length. Then come nine pages of "Notes and Queries," which should be a useful and popular feature. Many of these notes are of ones by Professor Parker, intended for the old *Review*. From these pages we learn that Catbay should be pronounced Catay—not with the *thea* sound; and that "people entering the mountain to dig stones do let out the hidden humour." Notes from A. D. 129, thus accounting for China's backwardness in mining. Some shorter reviews close the number. In the review of Mr. Morse's History of China's foreign relations we came across this criticism: "While Dr. Morse's style is extremely clear, etc." The scholarly hatred of Christianity should be 'The scholars' hatred' such a hatred may be felt by all the literati, but comes from ignorance rather than scholarship. "That is a matter of opinion, and if the expression 'intellectual contempt' be substituted for 'hatred,' there is probably a greater weight of opinion, among Europeans as well as Chinese, against the reviewer's opinion than for it. In any case, it is an impertinence to accuse the literati of ignorance of Christianity. They actually know more about it, and understand it better, than the average missionary or the generality of lay Christians."

In the next number we are promised an article by Mrs. Archibald Little on her famous husband.

MAGISTRATE AND SOLICITOR.

The *China Mail* submits that in the case here mentioned Magistrate Orme has put himself in the wrong. Mr. J. H. Gardiner appeared for a Chinese charged with larceny, and pointed out that the prosecution had not proved its case. Perhaps it is irritating to hear comments uttered orally, but magistrates must rise superior to such human frailties. When Mr. Gardiner said "the onus of proof lies with the prosecution," he was undoubtedly teaching his grandchild to "suck eggs," as the saying is. Magistrate Orme retorted: Are you giving me

instructions? Mr. Gardiner admitted that he was aware his Worship must be acquainted with the law before he mounted the Bench, but his (Mr. Gardiner's) duty was to assist his Worship in the administration of justice. There was not sufficient evidence in this case to convict his client of larceny. The Magistrate promptly altered the charge to one of "unlawful possession," and as promptly fined the man \$10. Mr. Gardiner protested that he had not been given any opportunity to answer this new charge.

Mr. Orme: The case is finished; I'm sorry.

Mr. Gardiner insisted that it was not finished.

Mr. Orme: What do you mean? Mr. Gardiner repeated the statement, adding that an appeal could be lodged.

Mr. Orme: You seem not to have understood me. This is my Court, and I am in charge. When I say the case is finished, it is. You may apply for a rehearing.

The *China Mail* desires to point out that Mr. Orme was mistaken. It is not his Court, but the People's (The King's, if you'd rather have it that way). The Magistrate is there to do a public duty and serve justice as between man and man. It would have been more seemly and fair in this case to have allowed the accused's counsel an opportunity of answering the amended charge. Not to make any bones of it, we consider it was his duty to have done so.

WHAT BANKS ARE FOR.

An interesting point was scored by the Deputy Chairman of Barclay's Bank at its meeting on January 27. It had been so frequently pointed out in speeches advocating bank amalgamations that greater facilities for financing trade would result, that many commercial men had got a wrong impression. Barclay's, according to Sir Herbert Hambling, have been receiving many letters from disappointed parties who expected the Bank to act as underwriters for new promotions. That was not a banker's business. A bank is quite willing and anxious to finance trade, and quite willing to give its customers temporary accommodation to help them in their trade, but no bank invests its money as fixed capital in such promotions. There is a very big difference between advancing loans against trade capital, for turnover, and enterprise, even though the speculation be sound.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

To-day's dollar is worth 3s. 15-16d.

Two Chinese cases of enteric fever constitute to-day's return of communicable disease.

Mr. Frank Lammet is here from Borneo for a three months' vacation.

The Officers of Knox's Mission are entertaining their friends at a dance to be held at the Peak Club on Friday night.

There will be a sitting of the Bankruptcy Court to-morrow morning at 10.30. Mr. Justice Melbourne presiding.

The French Ambassador from Tokyo, with family and suite, has been visiting Hongkong and Canton. They are going to visit Chinese cities in the north.

The Northcliffe Press has opened a campaign against Mr. Austen Chamberlain's appointment as Chancellor of the Exchequer, vigorously criticising the new war bond issue.

Sub-Conductor E. J. Cashman, R.A.O. Corps, was serving in Hongkong when war broke out and he went to Egypt to join the Expeditionary Force. After four years' service there he has been rewarded with the Meritorious Service Medal.

A football team chosen from the Officers and men of Knox's Mission will play a Hongkong team at the "Happy Valley" to-day, at 4.30 p.m. To-morrow they will play a team of the Manchesters, and on Friday they are playing hockey against the Staff and Departments of the China Command.

A Chinese steamer, *ss. Tung Ho*, built by the Kwang Nam S.S. Company will be launched on May 1. This ship has been under construction at the Kwang Nam Dockyard, at Whampao, of which Mr. Tam Sai Ting is the managing director. According to Mr. Tam, the new ship will be used for running between Canton and Shanghai.

An officer who will be remembered by many Hongkong residents, Major R.M. Grosse, R.G.A., received as a war reward, special promotion to Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel. This officer will be remembered best for his theatrical productions. Chief among these were "The Idol's Eye" and "The Cook," which were very popular when produced here.

MAGISTRACY.

(MR. ORME'S COURT.)

THEFT FROM NAVAL YARD.

Two Chinese were this morning charged with the theft of nine pieces of brass from the Naval Yard or alternatively with receiving stolen property and pleaded "not guilty."

Sergeant Turner of the A.S.C. said he was walking along the lane leading from the A.S.C. pier towards the tram lines at about 4 p.m. yesterday, when he noticed the two prisoners going towards the pier. The first prisoner had a basket while the other carried a pole. As they had no business in the A.S.C. compound, he became suspicious and walking up to the gate, he hid behind a pillar and watched them. He saw them walk on to a piece of grass immediately under a 15 feet wall separating the A.S.C. compound from the Naval Yard.

The first prisoner was observed to be stooping down and picking something up from the grass and putting it in the basket. Witness walked up to the prisoners and as he approached them, he saw four pieces of brass come over the wall from the yard. When he reached the spot where the prisoners were they moved away. The first prisoner had the basket slung over his shoulder. The witness stopped them and found nine pieces of brass castings in the basket. He arrested both. The first prisoner said he brought the brass in Tsimshatsui and the other said he saw the first prisoner buy the brass; in fact, the first prisoner did not have sufficient money and he loaned him 20 cents.

After Sergeant Bruce of the R.N.Y.P. had recognised the brass as part of a lot of castings which were being returned to the store, his Worship passed sentence of six months' hard labour on each prisoner remarking that it was a serious matter to steal from the Government.

A CHISEL.

A Chinese who was arrested for having in his possession an offensive weapon, to wit, a chisel, said he left his bad on the pavement outside a spirit shop in Queen's Road, West, at four o'clock yesterday morning to go to the public latrine. On the road, he found the chisel and picked it up. When he left the latrine, he was accosted by a Chinese detective who searched him and finding the chisel in his hand, took him into custody.

Mr. Justice Melbourne said the chisel was dangerous and he sentenced him to six weeks with hard labour.

A SAUCEPAN.

When charged with the theft of a brass saucepan from a house in Western Street, a Chinese said he had only just arrived from the country and went to the house to look for a friend. The complainant who happened to be his friend's enemy, "planted" the pan on him (witness) through spite. Sentence of one month's hard labour was passed.

OPIUM.

A big seizure of opium was effected by the police last night when a party of police under the direction of Sergeant Dorrington, boarded the *Macao boat Sui An* on its arrival from Macao, and on the strength of information received, searched the ship for opium. After what appeared to be a fruitless hunt, the searchers happened on a cupboard under the companion way leading from the main deck to the smoke room on the upper deck and when this was opened it was found to contain 250 taels of opium valued at \$12,325. The case was mentioned to his Worship this morning and as no arrest had been made the drug was ordered to be confiscated.

(MR. LINDSELL'S COURT.)

A CHAIR COOLIE FINED.

When charged with being an unlicensed chair coolie, a Chinese this morning pleaded that he was a new-comer and could not afford a licence.

His Worship: If you have no money, how did you get the chair?—A friend bought it for me.

His Worship: Well, then, your friend will have to pay the \$3 fine I am going to impose on you!

EXTRAORDINARY ARGUMENT.

A RICE CASE.

Two Chinese women, who were defended by Mr. Goldring, were this morning charged with the theft of pirals of rice from a Japanese rice godown at No. 45 Praya East. Counsel pleaded "guilty" on behalf of the two first prisoner while the case against the other was withdrawn by the police. Addressing his Worship on the first prisoner's behalf Mr. Goldring said the woman while admitting the theft, pleaded that she was forced to do so because of the horrible high price of rice. She was only a poor boatwoman, said counsel, and could not afford to buy rice at the present high rate. He did not know whether she should say it or not, but they all knew that there was a feeling of resentment all over Kwangtung over the securing of large quantities of rice by the Japanese; feeling had run pretty high in this connection, and he thought that had something to do with the theft by this woman from a Japanese Godown. These poor Chinese of the prisoner's class, are under the impression that their present inability to keep body and soul

NAVAL DANCE.

COMMODORE MAKES WAR MEMORIAL SUGGESTION.

The Royal Naval Quadrille Club held their last dance of the season in the Naval Canteen Theatre last night. It was a huge success. There was a large attendance of officers and lower deck men, including Commodore V.G. Turner, R.N., Flag Captain and Mrs. F. C. Fisher, R.N., Flag Lieutenant, Livingstone, Commander-Freeman, R.N.R., Paymaster, Lieut. and Mrs. A. S. Holborn.

Commencing at 8.30 the dance continued until 2 a.m. There was a long and popular dance programme, including the Waltz, Fox Trot, One Step, Hesitation and Flirtation Waltzes, and square dances. Capital music was provided by Mrs. Titmas, piano, and Sergeant A. White, violin. Throughout the dance there were numerous couples taking part and despite the rather humid atmosphere there was no diminishing of numbers on the floor until after midnight.

A feature was the splendid decorations. Illuminated lanterns lit up the entrance which was draped in flags, and the theatre itself was very tastefully adorned.

During a break in the programme, the President, Chief Writer Smith, made a short speech in which he remarked that he regretted to announce that owing to the change very probably being required in the near future for the use of the men of the fleet, other arrangements would have to be made to obtain a suitable room for the dance to be continued next season. He suggested that one way would be for the Naval, Army, and Dockyard Clubs to amalgamate for the purpose of obtaining a room at the City Hall or some such building as the expenses for one club to hire such a room would be far too heavy. Thanks were accorded the Commodore, Flag Captain, and Mrs. Fisher and other Officers for their attendance.

The Commodore responded and endorsed the remarks of the President as regards the use of the room being required for the Fleet, and fell in with his suggestion as regards the clubs uniting with a view of obtaining another room. He added that the Commodore would very much like to see a Union Jack Club erected and then a suitable room might be set aside for the purpose of dancing, etc. He would like such a nature should be done whereby the men who actually did their share in keeping our great nation intact during the perilous times could benefit.

A lovely basket of flowers was presented by Miss Cissie Hast to Mrs. Fisher, wife of Flag Captain Fisher, with the following words inscribed on blue ribbon encircling the basket, "With the compliments of the R.N.Q.C. 1919."

Mrs. Fisher presented Miss Hast with a small, but very neat bouquet of flowers with blue ribbon attached similarly inscribed.

On the conclusion of this ceremony a flash light photograph was taken by Mee Cheung.

A new feature was introduced as regards refreshments by having a small buffet on the stage in lieu of placing tables around the dancing room as on former occasions. This proved very successful.

The officials responsible for the splendid arrangements were: President and Secretary, Chief Writer T. H. Smith; Master of Ceremonies, Yeoman of Signals Woodley; Committee, Messrs. Bent, Wain, Langford and Duffing.

BANKING.

Lord Macleay speaking as chairman at the annual meeting of the National, Provincial, and Union Bank on Jan. 30, mentioned that as he was a member of the committee which the Government had appointed to see that amalgamating banks did not form a "money trust," and squeeze the people, he could not say much on the subject.

He would say, however, that where amalgamations do take place it would be positively suicidal for the amalgamated institutions to curtail the assistance they have hitherto as separate concerns rendered to the public, and so far as he could judge this wasn't likely to occur.

together was due to the monopoly which the Japanese have put on the rice market. Counsel pleaded for leniency. His Worship passed sentence of \$50 fine or in default four weeks' hard labour.

THE LYE ON CASE.

Mr. Lewis appeared before his Worship this morning, and applied for the re-opening of the case in which a Chinese, a Deputy Tax Collector of the Hai Poong district, was last week sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment with hard labour for picking the pocket of another Chinese on board the Yau-mat ferry launch *Lye On*. Counsel said he had been instructed by the prisoner's wife to appear for him. His Worship fixed the case for Friday at 2 p.m.

THE CHINA BORNEO CO.

ANNUAL MEETING.

Mr. W. G. Darby presided at the sixteenth annual general meeting of the China-Borneo Co., Ltd. held in the Board room of Messrs. Gibb Livingston & Co.

These present were:—Directors Messrs. W. G. Darby, A. O. Lang, A. E. Griffin and Sir Paul Chater. Shareholders Messrs. O. Baptista, L. Y. Po, A. O. Lang, O. F. Ellis, M. S. Northcote, H. W. B. Kennett (Secretary) T. E. Pearce, A. W. Smith, E. Raymond and A. H. M. da Silva.

After the Secretary (Mr. H. W. B. Kennett) read the notice convening the meeting the Chairman addressed the shareholders as follows:—

Gentlemen,—With your consent we will take the Report and Accounts, together with the Auditor's certificate, as read.

I think that you will agree that the figures we are able to place before you on this occasion are satisfactory and it is a source of great relief and gratification to us that after all the difficulties and anxieties of the last four years the termination of hostilities should find us in such a sound financial position.

Our Cash and liquid Assets amounted at the end of the year to over \$300,000.00 or more than half of the capital of the Company. Our outstanding under the heading of Sundry Debtors show an increase of \$300,000.00, but they are all quite sound and a considerable portion of them has been collected. Our Stocks of Timber and Material, notwithstanding the high cost of production, show a decrease of approximately \$35,000.00, and have been valued on a very conservative basis. During the year we have inaugurated a Provident Fund for our staff, and I feel sure that no shareholder will grudge the moderate contribution for which the Company will be liable in order to encourage our Employees to make some provision for the future.

I trust shareholders will approve of the manner in which we propose to allocate our profits. It has always been the policy of this Company—and considering the nature of its operations—I think it has been a wise policy—to be conservative in the payment of dividends, and the special bonus which we propose to distribute on this occasion is in the nature of a windfall and represents the Company's share in some salvage operations in which we were interested some two years ago, and which has since been paid. The establishment of a Fund for Replacements and Renewals does not imply any existing need for further depreciation of our properties. It is only intended as a provision for any extraordinary repairs and renewals which may become necessary from time to time and which our Auditor considers cannot properly be charged to Capital.

Gentlemen, during the past four years our programme for the extension of the Company's business has necessarily been at a standstill. Good fresh markets, which gave good promise of successful development, have been lost to us for the time being, but now that the war is happily over we hope to make up for lost time and we propose to devote our cash resources to the acquisition of the most modern and up to date machinery for logging and converting timber. We anticipate that by these means we shall considerably increase our output and lower our cost of production, which is now much higher than it was before the war and is likely to remain so.

As regards our prospects for the immediate future I would warn shareholders that they must not reckon on any continuance of the exceptional prosperity enjoyed by the Company during the last year which was due to very unusual circumstances which are not likely to recur.

On the other hand we gather from reports which reach us that as soon as things settle down there will be a keen demand for timber throughout the world, and provided the requisite tonnage is obtainable there is reason to hope that we shall be able to dispose of our output to good advantage.

Before formally proposing the adoption of the Report and Accounts I shall be pleased to answer any questions connected with them which shareholders may desire to ask.

Mr. A. W. G. Darby then moved the adoption of the report and accounts, which was seconded by Mr. T. E. Pearce, who congratulated the directors on the very satisfactory state of affairs that existed and expressed his pleasure that the Directors had seen fit to establish a provident fund for its employees.

The re-election of Mr. A. O. Lang as a director was moved by Mr. Northcote and seconded by Mr. Ellis and carried.

The re-appointment of Mr. O. Baptista and seconded by Mr. Kennett. Carried.

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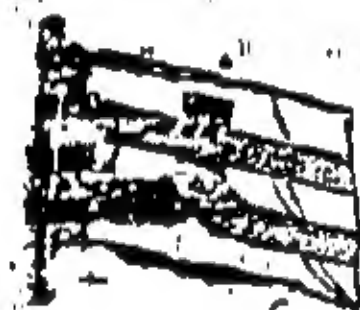
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A SOLDIER'S BOOK.

On the main question of the degrading servitude of the military life an opinion is given in a remarkable little book just published by Messrs. Allen & Unwin (Museum Street, London). *The Diary of a Dead Officer*, which shows that to an educated man the life is that of moral torture. Arthur Graeme West enlisted as a private from Balliol in 1914, took a commission eighteen months later, and was killed in April 1917. One of the striking passages of the book shows that German militarism is held up by the War Office as an example to be imitated, not as a danger to be avoided. He quotes from a lecture delivered to the men by a commanding officer. "The Germans," said the Colonel, "though we sneered at them at the time, were now proved to have perfected the system of training men in a short time. We must copy the Prussian method. What we must aim at was, as he had said, the discipline of the Germans." What that discipline meant the Social Democrats would like to see it introduced into England. The same writer gives an example of the sort of thing that is supposed in the army to promote discipline and efficiency. They were given special drill, he says, for the purpose of teaching the important duty how to tuck his stick under his left arm! To quote: "We practiced, in two movements (1) put the stick under left arm; (2) put the right hand away; then (1) seize stick on the underside; (2) bring it smartly down to the side. We were then marched up and down the road saluting by numbers imaginary officers, thus: (1) stick under arm; (2) hand away; 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, put hand up; 6, hand down, 7, hand up to stick again; 8, hand and stick away." It is such drill as this, absolutely useless as it is for military purposes, unless the enforcement of subordination is a military necessity, that is calculated to drive intelligent men into imbecility. Apologists urge that all work is more or less monotonous, and that military duties are no worse than others. Apart from the fact that even monotonous drudgery in business or occupation is generally connected with something productive, which is very seldom the case with military duties, the individual in a business or industry is not in the mercantile or industrial atmosphere the whole time. He has his hours, even his days of freedom and relaxation. In the case of a soldier, even when he is off duty he is under orders and his liberty is restricted; he cannot leave the camp or the barracks without permission; he is subject to the most rigid rules and unintelligent regulations. The two conditions are not comparable, and no one who had experience would attempt to compare them. It is only the unimaginative man with full control over his own liberty who cannot understand what the loss of liberty involved in army life means to others.

KNEW SIR HARRY PARKES.

A man who knew Sir Harry Parkes, and was his guest in Yedo, died last month in New South Wales in the person of Captain J. Somerville Murray, who passed away at the age of 86 years at Wentworth Falls, where he had lived for many years in retirement. The first half of last century was not yet spent when, at the age of 15 years, young Murray left the home of his father, the Rev. J. S. Murray, M.A., a clergyman of the Church of Scotland, at Montrose, to go to sea. Later he joined the General Screw Steamship Company, and went to Australia in the steamer Harbinger in 1853. Through-out the Crimean war Captain Murray served in the Black Sea in this vessel, and during the hurricane of November 14th, 1854, which destroyed most of the shipping in Balaklava Bay, he assisted in saving a number of lives. At the end of the war he was engaged in the transport of troops in the Golden Fleece to India, via the Cape, to assist in the suppression of the Mutiny. He joined the P. & O. service in 1859, and remained with that company for 45 years, rising to the rank of Commodore. Captain Murray was for many years on the Hongkong-mail, and knew the present P. & O. Agent in Kobe when he was a junior in the Hongkong office. In the early days of foreign residence in Japan Captain Murray put into Yokohama to refit his ship, and it was on this occasion that he went to Yedo as the guest of the British Minister and Lady Parkes. Captain Murray's last ship in the P. & O. service was the Britannia, and he retired in 1888.

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commercial competition is undoubtedly opening up, when the need for close co-operation of all Allied interests will be most necessary, and I trust that those controlling our various trading interests will treat matters in a broad-minded spirit, keeping in mind the general interests of their Allies, even if some small individual sacrifice be occasionally entailed. The suggestion of an annual Conference is deserving of full consideration.

With reference to the question of the Military Service Ordinance, this is one of those difficult matters that I have already referred to. I am quite satisfied that in dealing with the Committee adopted, what appeared to be the best course in the peculiar circumstances of the moment, and if it subsequently did not work out as they had hoped and anticipated that was due to factors beyond their control. The matter probably did not work out to the satisfaction of any of those concerned and the sooner it is forgotten the better. (Applause.)

I would like to urge upon the Chamber that the question of uniform signals for typhoon warnings throughout the China Coast is not lost sight of. A period of the correspondence on the subject leads one to believe that there is no very great advantage in favour of either of the systems under discussion, and that any advantage that one may have over the other is more than neutralized by the disadvantage attendant upon lack of uniformity. A little spirit of give-and-take between the responsible experts would probably lead to an adjustment of their differences, and I trust that our Committee will continue their efforts to attain such an end. (Applause.)

The outgoing Committee composed of the following gentlemen: Hon. Mr. P. H. Huiyok, Hon. Mr. S. H. Tse, Hon. Mr. D. Landale, Messrs. C. Montague, E. C. S. Gubbay, A. O. Lang, E. V. D. Farr, J. A. Plummer, R. J. Stubbs and G. M. Young were unanimously re-elected for the ensuing year in the proposal of Mr. A. Forster, seconded by Mr. D. R. Moss.

Mr. J. H. Brett, Commercial Attaché for Hongkong and South China, was then introduced to the meeting by the Chairman and addressing those present, Mr. Brett said: Mr. Chairman, and Gentlemen, I do not propose to inflict a speech on you this evening, but as Mr. Huiyok has very kindly referred in very flattering terms to my appointment as Commercial Attaché to South China, I should like to take this opportunity of thanking him personally and the Chamber generally for the kindness and courtesies shown me since my arrival in the Colony. I have been invited to become a honorary member of the Committee, an invitation which I accept with great pleasure. (The use of the Chamber's Committee room has been given me until my office is completed, and I have received much assistance and useful advice from the Committee and your officers. For this I am very grateful. The Department of Overseas Trade, under which I hold my present appointment, has been organized, as you probably are already aware, with the object of placing within the reach of the British manufacturer, exporter, and importer a more complete system of commercial intelligence regarding the Overseas markets than has been hitherto available. In this, and in other ways the idea is to assist in the development of British trade. In any Colony, such as Hongkong, where whole life and prosperity are bound up with the interests of British trade in the Far East, I know I can rely upon the assistance and advice of all the members of your Chamber in my endeavour to advance those objects as far as South China is concerned. (Applause.) For my own part, I need hardly say, I shall welcome any member who seeks my assistance, and shall gladly render any light service in my power either to the Chamber generally or its members. (Applause.) As I know you have further matters to discuss here, to-day, I will not take up your time any longer, except to mention that my office is situated on the top floor of the Post Office building, and anyone can call upon me to discuss matters, and I shall always be glad and ready to see him. (Applause.)

The meeting then confirmed the election of the following new members of the Chamber: Messrs. P. A. Lapieque & Co., Gerin Drevard & Co., Mustard & Co., Moller & Co., Ltd., Handel Maatschappij Transmarina, Robert Dollar Co., T. M. Gregory & Co., Carvalho & Co., Manners & Backhouse, Ltd.

This closed the business of the meeting.

At a Committee Meeting held subsequent to the general meeting, the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell was elected Chairman for the ensuing year and Mr. E. V. D. Farr Vice-Chairman.

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING.

Before proceeding with the business of the general meeting, an extraordinary meeting was held for the purpose of making an alteration in

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Canton is having an Arbor Day on April 6, when the school children will be encouraged to plant trees.

A farewell dinner is being given on Monday night to Sgt. Major A. McKirdy by the members of the Artillery Coy. H.D.C.

The 5th annual dinner of the University of Hongkong Medical Society will be held at the Hongkong Hotel to-morrow, at 5 p.m.

Customs Commissioner F. A. Carl of Canton has been transferred to Antung, Manchuria, for the sake of his health. Mr. and Mrs. Carl expect to leave Canton to-morrow.

The Machine Gun section of the Hongkong Volunteers are holding their annual dinner at the Hongkong Hotel this evening. Nearly every member and many guests are expected.

To celebrate the return of the Mountain Battery of the Hongkong-Singapore R.G.A. from service in Palestine, Mr. Arculi is entertaining the British and Indian Officers to tiffin at his residence on Sunday.

THE P. W. D. CASE.

Lo Chuen, P.W.D. foreman, who was charged with accepting a bribe was acquitted after out report appeared in yesterday's issue.

NO P. & O. BERTHS YET.

Those anticipating a trip Home within the next few months by P. & O. steamer are doomed to disappointment. The P. & O. Company have no intimation of a single steamer coming out. The only ship on the run at present is the *Nelore*, due to leave here for Home on April 21, and she is booked to the utmost capacity.

SOLICITORS AND BARRISTERS.

The Law Society of Great Britain has passed a resolution advising the amalgamation of the two professions. It appears that this is strongly opposed by the Bar at home.

The opposition of the Bar is numerically very great, and is embodied in the various "Inns of Court," which are incorporated Societies holding large vested interests in London.

This recommendation has, as has already been reported, been made by the Hongkong Law Society, which is affiliated to the London Society, and opposition can only come from a very attenuated Bar in this Colony.

Outside the members of the nonpractising Chinese barristers living in the Colony, there are only Mr. Eldon Potter and Mr. C. G. Alabaster, the latter of whom is a member of the Legislative Council. Consequently it seems likely that the two professions will amalgamate here.

Clause VI of the Rules and Regulations of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce to read as follows:

"The Committee shall consist of ten Members, all of whom shall be British or Representatives of British Firms, to be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Chamber, and they shall hold Office for one year. Vacancies occurring during the year shall be filled up by the Committee."

The Hon. Mr. P. H. Huiyok (Chairman) in proposing the amendment said the alteration to the rules would enable a wider working of the Chamber.

The Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell seconded.

Mr. Donnelly: May I suggest the word "and" instead of "or"? The Chairman said the proposed alteration had been carefully considered by the committee, and suggested that the words "and/or" might meet the case.

Mr. Cartwright: "May I ask, sir, how the rule reads which it is proposed to amend?"

The rule, which was one limiting membership of the Committee to British members of the Chamber was then read out by Mr. Williams.

The Chairman said he thought it would be advisable to explain the situation. It had been found in practical working that the rule as it stood, was necessary during the war because unless the Committee had been limited to British members, confidential correspondence from the Foreign office could not be sent to it. It had been found that the head of at least one big British concern was not a British subject and that it would be weakening the Chamber arbitrarily to adhere to the rule, hence the decision to widen the rule.

Mr. Donnelly's amendment having been withdrawn, the original proposal was put to the meeting and carried *unanimously*.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE HOUSING PROBLEM AND BELLIOS TERRACE.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Dear Sir,—The appointment of the War Memorial Committee and the general invitation to all, and sundry to give their views regarding the form the memorial should take have had the effect of concentrating the mind on the Housing Problem which is daily increasing in intensity by the wholesale purchasing by Chinese and Japanese of European houses in the European Reservation area.

Since the War Memorial Committee was appointed the Housing Problem has increased in intensity, and, with all deference to the Government, I submit it is far more important for the present to see that the remaining European and Portuguese residents who have not been ousted of their homes by Chinese and Japanese are left with roots over their heads.

A very strong rumour, which I have every reason to believe is true, is current that a certain wealthy Japanese firm is negotiating for the purchase of Bellios Terrace Estate on Robinson Road, and consisting of no less than 27 houses, in which about fifty families, mostly Portuguese, live. Not one of these houses is occupied by Chinese or Japanese; and the result, if the negotiations bear fruit, will be to render quite 50 families homeless.

Assuming that new houses will eventually be erected to house the unfortunate European families who have been and are continually being more cruelly ousted of their homes by Chinese and Japanese who will not find their own sites and build their own houses, may I ask what will be the lot of these poor families in the meantime, will they perforce have to live in tents? Must the Chinese and Japanese who are able to flaunt their wealth take precedence over poor helpless families in this way?

I know, Mr. Editor, that you have always pegged away at the seriousness of the Housing question and constantly urged strong action to be taken, but will nothing be done to stem this terrible onslaught, so to speak, before it is too late?

The recent legislation regarding residence in the Peak goes to show that something can be done in the lower levels.

I appeal to the Government, to property owners, particularly the owners of Bellios Terrace, and to every one of influence not to render homeless the large number of helpless families who are now occupying Bellios Terrace and to do all in their power to prevent this large property falling into the hands of the Japanese who will demolish the 27 houses and erect new buildings for their mess.

Will this appeal fall on deaf ears at a time when strong action must be taken? Will the Government not stir itself to act at once—Yours, etc.,

"DISTRACTED."

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

To the Editor of the "China Mail."—Sir,—Whether the police or the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals does it is immaterial to me; but the public would be glad to see something done. A Hunnish assault on a three-months old puppy by a European, which I witnessed in Queen's Road last evening, would have made an ideal first case.

Yours, etc., P. H.

THE POULTRY SHOW.

To the Editor of the "China Mail."

Sir,—Referring to the Poultry Show due to be held on April 12, may I be allowed to mention for the benefit of intending exhibitors that Mr. Longinotto's poultry will be shown for exhibition purposes only and not for competition.

Your faithfully,
G. W. GEGG,
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SHANGHAI LAND INVESTMENT.

The thirtieth annual general meeting of the Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ltd., was held on March 18 there being present the following:—Messrs.

E. Jenner Hogg (Chairman), J. W. C. Bonnamy, E. C. Peace H. A. J. Macray, and C. W. Wrightson, directors, Mr. Mr. Philip Peables, manager and Secretary and Messrs. J. J. Dawe, R. M. Saker, A. Dallas, and W. A. C. Platt.

In his speech Mr. E. Jenner Hogg, the Chairman, after referring to small developments and improvements undertaken in 1918, said a feature of the year's work which added somewhat to the expenditure on repairs was the cancellation of the licence from H.B.M. Minister at Peking to British landlords to rent houses to enemy tenants. At the outbreak of war the Company had enemy tenants whose rents totalled approximately Tls. 75,000 per annum, and although the licence permitted them to retain these tenants the company took each opportunity as it arose of getting rid of them, so that when the licence was cancelled in November last there were only 16 enemy tenants, whose rents totalled less than Tls. 16,000 per annum. The whole of these tenants were given notice to quit when the licence was cancelled and all the premises have been since re-let, resulting on the whole in a somewhat increased rent. This however, gave 16 additional houses to decorate and repair, and as nothing had been done to these houses since 1914, repairs were necessarily heavy. A loss of rent on all the houses of from one to two months also occurred while the premises were being put in order for new tenants.

Mr. Hogg explained the appropriations recommended for the purpose of starting a depreciation of buildings reserve, saying that the total book cost of the company's buildings amounts approximately to Tls. 5,220,000, and of this total it had been decided that depreciation should be provided on buildings having a book cost of Tls. 2,233,000, including all the foreign dwelling houses, except a few in Hongkong, and the whole of the purely godown property.

It was not considered necessary to provide for depreciation of Chinese buildings, the experience of the company having been that whenever redevelopments of Chinese properties becomes necessary the better class of house of which the site has become capable will produce rents to give an adequate return on the then book cost, plus re-development cost. The Directors realize that the time may come when Chinese developed property has reached its maximum rent-earning power and when that time comes the question of providing for depreciation on Chinese houses will require reconsideration.

Detailed explanation was made of a new method of presenting the accounts as recommended by the auditors, referred to as "modern practice supplanting 'old custom,'" which greatly simplify the appearance of the accounts.

"Increase in rent in 1919 was foretold, in fact increases in Chinese rents have been effective since March 1, and the directors see no reason to anticipate any serious increase in outgoings.

There were four formal resolutions, passed unanimously. The first, proposed by Mr. Hogg and seconded by Wrightson, accepted and passed the report and accounts as presented by the directors. The second resolution authorized payment of a final dividend of five per cent. (making 10 per cent. for 1918); this was proposed by Mr. Hogg and seconded by Mr. Macray.

Mr. Macray was re-elected director on the proposal of Mr. Platt seconded by Mr. Dallas, and Messrs. Bingham & Matthews were re-elected auditors on the proposal of Mr. Dawe seconded by Mr. Platt.

FROM A LONDON CLUB WINDOW.

A Home paper received by the last mail had this:—

This had been a week in which a tremendous lot has been done which has not got into the papers. It is impossible to deny that in the circles where things are best understood, a good deal of anxiety is expressed about the coming Peace Congress. It would be perfectly truthful to say that the Allies are united in peace as they were in war. That is quite accurate so far as presenting a united face to the beaten foe is concerned. When it comes to a conclave amongst the Allies themselves, the divergent national interests and national claims are bound to come into prominence. There will be cabals. I will agree to your getting this if you consent to my having that "is the kind of thing which must occur. The whole international situation is teeming with difficult problems, and some seem well-nigh insoluble. Two parties, for instance, are assuring China that each is its friend. Again, the astute diplomacy of Japan presents a factor upon which no Western can speak with certainty. What a pity that representatives of the various armies and navies cannot settle everything, for it is when politicians and diplomats step in that wise folk grow fearful.

Meanwhile, the cost of living in Paris is actually going up, and the fifteen thousand international representatives will find there is no "favoured-nation tariff" for themselves in the restaurants and shops. The expense to this country of leasing two big hotels is in itself not small. The allowances for entertaining will not be disclosed; it is to be hoped they will not be abused. Of course, a large amount of hospitality will be lavishly exercised. Still, it is to be hoped that there is some control to be kept. Some bright "boys" are among our selected, and Paris has always been an Eden for those who like to be temporarily susceptible. Enough said.

"Anyone is lucky who can get even a bathroom in which to sleep in Paris at ten shillings a night. The 'gay city' is overrun with third-rate people of every nationality"—writes a Parisienne to me— "especially one! The streets often look like Waterloo Station when a troop train is off to South America. If you see many French people at a time, you feel quite surprised, and wonder what they are doing in Paris; and really one wonders here if Bolshevism has not wiped out all the upper classes and left nothing except a sleek, well-fed middle-class with an international grumble."

Tales of the heckling at the elections continue to come. Here is one from Glasgow. A woman asked a male candidate, "Do you approve of equality of the sexes?" Quick came the reply, "Yes, ma'am, and I should be delighted if I could be a mother." It is amusing to see the way in which newly-elected members are trying to put on the Parliamentary manner, and the rather furtive manner in which they creep up to and hobnob with re-elected members in political clubs. (They are like new boys not quite sure how they will get on in the very public school at St. Stephen's, and they want to hang on to somebody else, somebody "whose people know my people at home," as schoolboys have it. All of which is alike innocent and amusing.)

A rather clever, artistic-minded young officer, who had done two years in France, and then been a prisoner in Germany, tells me he has been doing the whole round of London entertainments. He says what has impressed him most is the lack of beauty and of prettiness on the stage. He profoundly admires Miss Gladys Cooper, and is loud in praise of Miss Peggy Kurton, but all the rest he considers are merely nice-looking more or less. He thinks it is easier to find talent than beauty

A FIVE-MILLION SCHEME.

The St. Helen's Coal and Firebrick Company, Workington, has been acquired, on a cash basis of £12 for each £5 share issued, by a syndicate of which Mr. A. E. Barton, chairman of the Nitrogen Products and Carbide Company, is the head. Mr. Barton's company, it is stated, are to establish works on the site of the old West Cumberland Works, Workington, for the manufacture of cyanamide, a fertiliser which is the product of a process in which carbide and nitrogen extracted from the atmosphere are brought together. It is said that the project will render the United Kingdom independent of nitrates from Chili. Coal, limestone, and a cheap water supply are all near at hand. Carbide will, of course, be an important product of the new industry, and the plant will provide for the working of by-products of coal, such as sulphate of ammonia, benzole oils, pitch, &c. The works will need 3,000 tons of coal per day, and turbines will generate 120,000 horse-power.

A capital of five-and-a-half million pounds is involved. The works will take two and a half years to complete, and will ultimately, it is expected, employ 4,000 persons.

among our actresses; even in the chorus he discovers few beauty spots. This youngster is not blasé; it is simply his honest view. It does not sound complimentary to the adulated strutters of our boards, but still there is no harm in giving his eccentric view which, judging by the crowded conditions of almost every theatre, is not generally shared.

Of course the honour to Mr. George Robey, the philanthropist, who is incidentally a music-hall star, is most interesting. By taste he is enthusiastic over cricket, and collects blue china as well as treasure in heaven for all the good he does. A good, humorous, unassuming man in private life, he extracts a genuine amount of happiness from existence, which is more than some can truly assert. Of the other British Empire awards Sir Henry Rider Haggard only gets the same as Sir Clement Kinloch-Cooke, which leaves one admiring the sober equity of the Prime Minister. Mr. Bernard Pares has been steeped in Russia, and the very portly Mr. Geoffrey Butler is saturated with America, though not with Americanism.

Princesses, peeresses, ladies with aristocratic connections are in the list. I am told that each Government department is given so many awards, and the individual allotment is left to the heads to give out as they please. Not a bad way either, though personal dislikes may affect the selections quite as much as personal merit. The inclusion of Mr. J. E. K. Studd, the head of the Polytechnic, is a pleasant excursion from the realms of officialdom. He is a worthy successor to Sir Quintin Hogg. Never as good a cricketer as his two more famous brothers, he was, nevertheless, a capital bat, with a sharp cut, and a good field, especially in the country.

Over the teacups a fertile subject of discussion is what will be danced at the Royal balls at Buckingham Palace. In old days even a polka was viewed with some dubiousness. A formal Royal quadrille and a batch of waltzes made up the programme. Princess Mary dances the fox-trot quite well, and quite often at private houses now; but the idea of a "jazz" at Buckingham Palace would make Queen Mary shiver. So it is quite a social puzzle, and one which, as usual, will be solved, we suppose, by Lord Stamfordham. It is incorrect, so far, to say it has been settled that Princess Mary will be chief bride-maid to her cousin, Princess Patricia. Everybody remarks how quiet and depressed the Queen of Norway seems, and she has kept a good deal in the background. At Sandringham she intends to grapple thoroughly with all the developments of chicken-breeding and to use her newly-acquired knowledge when she returns to her democratic kingdom.

WEATHER REPORT.

March 26d. 12d. 13m.—Pressure has decreased considerably over N. Japan, a depression being situated to the east of Sakhalin. It has increased elsewhere very considerably over N. China and south China, the anticyclone over China having attained considerable intensity. Fresh to strong monsoon will prevail along the China coast, and over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 6.02 inches. Total since January 1st, 2.37 inches, against an average of 5.53 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on the 27th: 1.—Hongkong to Gap Rock, N.E. winds, strong & cloudy, drizzling rain, to a gale. 2.—Formosa Channel, N. winds, strong to a gale.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamock. The same as No. 1. 4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan. The same as No. 1.

ROYAL OBSERVATORY HONGKONG, DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

MARCH 26, 1919.—a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Therm. in Shade.	Therm. at Sun Level.	Therm. at 5 ft. Level.	Therm. at 10 ft. Level.	Therm. at 20 ft. Level.	Therm. at 30 ft. Level.	Therm. at 40 ft. Level.	Therm. at 50 ft. Level.	Therm. at 60 ft. Level.	Therm. at 70 ft. Level.	Therm. at 80 ft. Level.	Therm. at 90 ft. Level.	Therm. at 100 ft. Level.	Wind.	Weather.
Victoria Peak	8 a.m.	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	SW	1
Victoria Peak	9 a.m.	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	SW	1
Victoria Peak	10 a.m.	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	SW	1
Victoria Peak	11 a.m.	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	SW	1
Victoria Peak	12 m.	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	SW	1
Victoria Peak	1 p.m.	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	SW	1
Victoria Peak	2 p.m.	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	SW	1
Victoria Peak	3 p.m.	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	SW	1
Victoria Peak	4 p.m.	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	SW	1
Victoria Peak	5 p.m.	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	SW	1
Victoria Peak	6 p.m.	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	SW	1
Victoria Peak	7 p.m.	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	SW	1
Victoria Peak	8 p.m.	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	SW	1
Victoria Peak	9 p.m.	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	SW	1
Victoria Peak	10 p.m.	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	SW	1
Victoria Peak	11 p.m.	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	SW	1
Victoria Peak	12 m.	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	SW	1

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Hongkong Observatory, March 26, 1919.

1. BAROMETER, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit, on the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.

2. THERMOMETER, in the shade in degrees Fahrenheit.

3. HUMIDITY, in percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.

4. DIRECTION OF WIND, to two points.

5. FORCE OF WIND, according to Beaufort Scale.

6. STATE OF WEATHER, in blue sky, a detached cloud, a drizzling rain, a fog, a gloomy, hazy, a lightning, a overcast, a passing shower, a equal, a rain, a snow, a visibility, a dew, a wet.

7. RAIN in inches, tenths and hundredths.

HONGKONG TIDES.

The tide-tables shown below have been compiled at the National Almanac Office in London from the results of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Hainan Sea. Tides during the years 1919-20.

The zero of the table corresponds with the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty Chart, which has been found to be 4 feet 3 inches below mean sea-level.

To obtain the depth in water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Harbour on the tide add 3 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet 4 inches to the height given in the table.

March 27 to April 2,

